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Registered sex offender on parole pleads guilty to possessing child pornography *Had already served 4 years in prison for producing child pornography*

CINCINNATI — A registered sex offender, on parole from a previous child pornography conviction, pleaded guilty here today to possessing child pornography following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Robert Talty, 38, of 3303 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio, pleaded guilty today before Judge Thomas M. Rose in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, to possessing child pornography.

The ICE investigation began immediately after Talty's computer was seized at his residence in April 2005 by parole authorities. Computer forensic analysis completed by the Miami Valley Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory discovered more than 3,600 child pornographic pictures, 21 child pornographic videos, 24,200 non-nude pictures of minors of juveniles in various sexually suggestive poses, 41 videos of juveniles, and 2,600 web site files consisting of child models or child pornography.

Talty was on parole with the State of Ohio following his February 1998 conviction on two counts of illegally using a minor in nudity-oriented material, a felony conviction which required him to register as a sex offender.

"This case and the other cases resulting from Operation Predator reveal the disturbing truth that some adults will go to great lengths to sexually exploit children," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations covering Michigan and Ohio. "While we cannot give back the innocence to those who were abused and exploited, we can make sure that justice is served. The great cooperative efforts of the Ohio law enforcement and prosecuting agencies involved in this investigation helped ensure that justice was indeed served on behalf of these child victims."

This child pornography investigation is part of ICE's Operation Predator, a nationwide initiative to safeguard children against Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, child sex tourists, and human traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE special agents have arrested more than 7,500 individuals nationwide.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Sentencing guidelines for Talty require a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison. Talty remains in U.S. Marshals Service custody pending sentencing. Sentencing has been scheduled for Aug. 26.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio, prosecuted this case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.